Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs to hold public meetings seeking input for Delaware's 2018-2022 state historic preservation plan

(DOVER, Del.—Feb. 24, 2017)—In order to solicit information for use in drafting Delaware's 2018—2022 statewide historic preservation plan, the <u>Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs</u> will be holding five public meetings at locations across the state in March 2017. All meetings are free and open to the public. For directions and other information, call the division at 302-736-7400. In the event of inclement weather, notice of cancellation will be announced via local radio stations.



Home in the Laurel Historic District.

Public meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, March 2, 2017, 6 p.m., <u>Laurel Public Library</u>, 101 E. Fourth St., Laurel, Del. 302-875-3184
- Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 6 p.m. <u>Appoquinimink Community</u> <u>Library</u>, 651 N. Broad St., Middletown, Del., 302-378-5588
- Thursday, March 9, 2017, 6 p.m., <u>Lewes Public Library</u>, 111 Adams Ave., Lewes, Del., 302-645-2733
- Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 6 p.m., <u>Dover Public Library</u>,
 35 E. Loockerman Plaza, Dover, Del., 302-736-7030
- Saturday, March 25, 2017, 1 p.m., <u>Delaware Historical</u> <u>Society</u>, 505 N. Market St., Wilmington, Del., 302-655-7161



Dover Green Historic District

Those interested in Delaware's historic buildings, communities and sites are invited to attend these public meetings in order to share their thoughts on the future of historic preservation in the state. Public input will be incorporated into the updated historic preservation plan which is scheduled to be released in January 2018. For background information, individuals may review the goals and objectives identified in the last planning process by accessing Delaware's <u>current historic preservation plan</u>.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, 21 The Green, Dover, DE 19901; or via e-mail at

preservationplan@delaware.gov.



Street scene in Wilmington's Lower Market Street Historic District.

While the Delaware historic preservation plan is extremely useful for the division, it is not a blueprint for state government alone. Rather, it includes goals and strategies that benefit preservation advocates across Delaware. The plan provides all Delawareans who are passionate about historic preservation with a framework for effective decision-making; for coordinating statewide preservation activities; and for communicating statewide preservation policy, goals and values to the preservation constituency, decision-makers and interested and affected parties across the state.

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